

## CHAPTER IX.

INTO BRITISH TERRITORY. All hurried to the side of Roswell, who was pointing to a place a short distance from the raft.

It was the body of a man that they saw, floating face upward. His clothing was good, and the white features. partly helden by a black beard, must have been pleasing in life. The feet and hands, dangling at the sides, were so low in the water that only when stirred by the waves did they show; but the face rose and fell, sometimes above, and never more than a few inches below, so that it was in view all The group silently viewed the scene,

The group silently viewed the scene. The body drifted nearer and manearer, and raintly touched the edge of the raft, as the wind carried it past. Then it continued to die, and gradually it floated away in the gathering gloom.

"We ought to give it a burfal," said Frank to Jeff, who shook his head.

"What's the use? We might tow it anhore, dig up a foot of the frozen earth and set a wooden cross or heap of stones to mark the grave, but the lake is as good a burfal place as it could have."

"I wonder who he could have been," said Boswell, thoughtfully, "some man no doubt who has come from his home in the states, thousands of miles away, and started to search for gold; he may have left a wife and children behind him, who will look longingly for his coming, but will never see his face

again."
"The world is full of such and things," observed Tim McCabe, impressed, like ah, with the moint holy incident, and then he expressed the thought that was in the mind of each: "There be live of us; will we all see home again."

home again?

There was no reply. Hardman had not spoken, and, as if the occasion was too oppressive, he sauntered to another part of the rait, while the rest adually separated, each grave and deened by what he had witnessed, t is well for us to turn aside from



THE CURRENT WAS NOT ONLY VERY SWIFT, BUT THE CHANNEL WAS FILLED WITH ROCKS.

It is well for us to turn asked from the hurly burly of life and reflect upon the solemn fact of the inevitable end that quarks us all.

But the long afternoon was drawing to a close, and the question to be considered was whether the raft should be allowed to drift or land, or they should continue forward despite a certain degrae of danger during the darkness, All we're easer to habrove the time, and Jeff, as the head of the expedition, and they would keep at it, at least for a consider solved to rise to actempt to put up to the remaining hour of gloom in asything but comfort.

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"As far as I can tell," he said, "there is no dear in the week us, and we must use our said. Springing from the ground after testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely as the latter testing it, "the water is so dear limit wisely in the ground the south and west with the short is not much chance to help ourselves."

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timt we can't reach bottom, and there to the south and west, with the short is not much chance to help ourselves." family visible. On the edst, north, The vind which swept over the raft south and west towered the snow-had risen almost to a gale, and brought eapped mountains, with Mount Lotne with it a few shurrying listes of snow, and other peaks pieroing the very. There was a perceptible fall in the clouds. The sun was still hidden, with temperature, and the chilly, penetral—the air damp, cold and penetrating.

There was a perceptible fall in the clouds. The sun was still hidden, with the given attention from the first to the stability of the structure, and which everything depended. He was continually examinating in girls from stem to stern, and, where there was the least suspicion of the necessity, he drove nails and streightness the continual of the continual of the continual of the pended of the craft in every way that was necessitive.

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The party were scated in various positions about the raft, looking anxiously abead, when Tim pointed a little way in advance with the question:

"Do ye all obsarve that?"

He indicated a high bank of sand on the right, which had been cut out by the crosion of the violent current. Near by some philanthropist had put up a sign "Keep a Good Look Out!"

"You have larned what other people think of the same," he added; "there's been more than 29 men drowned in there?"

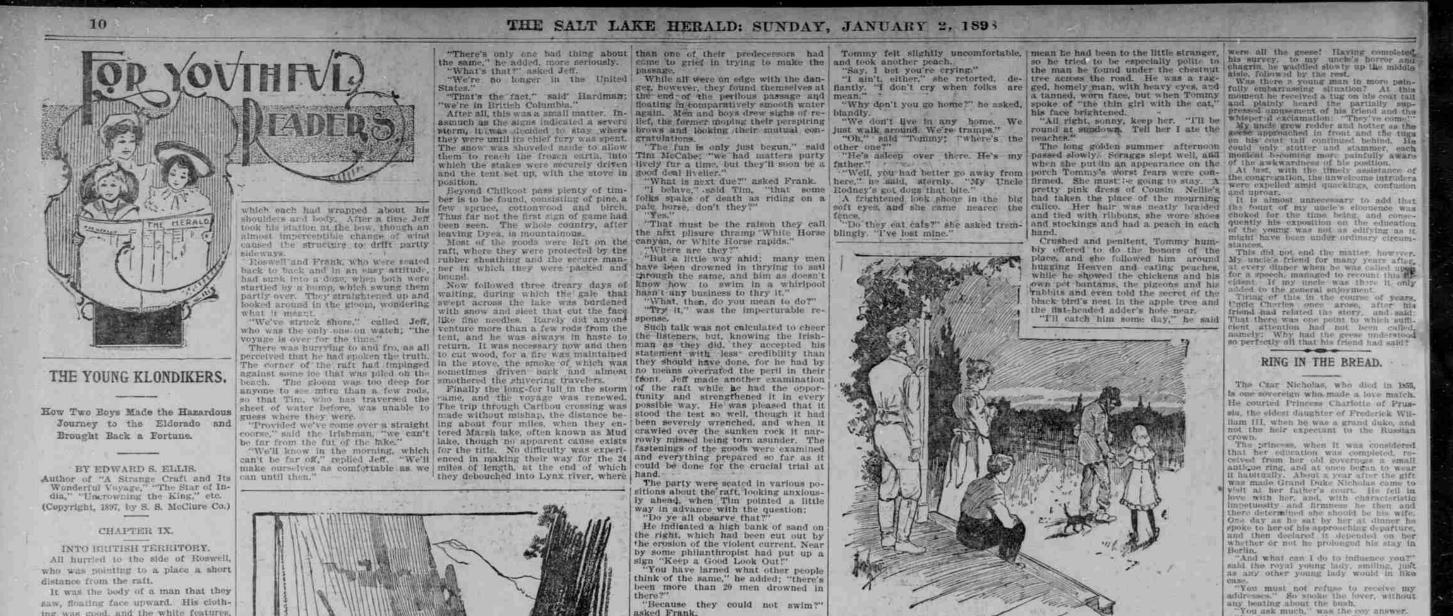
"Because they could not swim?"

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asked Frank.

"'Cause the best swimmer in the world can't swim in there; you and mesilf, boys, will soon be on the same futting, for the raison that we won't have any futting at all."





"AND NONE BUT HEAVEN LOOKED BACK.

The princess, when it was considered that her education was completed, received from her old governess a small antique ring, and at once began to wear it habitarsily. About a year after the gift was made Grand Duke Meholas came to yest at her father's court. He fell in leve with her, and, with characteristic impetuosity and firmness he then and there determined she should be his wife. One day as he sat by her at dinmer he spoke to her of his approaching departure, and then declared it depended on her whether or not he prolonged his stay in Berlin.

And what can I do to influence you? said the royal young lady, smiling, just as any other young lady would in like

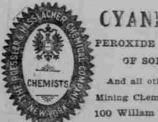
"You must not refuse to receive my addresses." So spoke the lover, without my beating about the bush.
"You ask much," was the coy answer.
"I ask more than that, Give me some encouragement in my efforts to please

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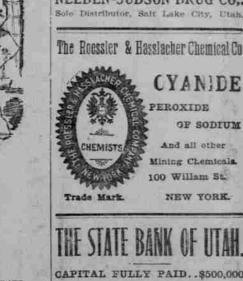
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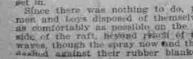
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